

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING**

**DOCKET NO. 2004-297-S**

Midlands Utility, Inc. ("Midlands") has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina requesting approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for sewerage service provided to its customers in Richland, Lexington, Fairfield and Orangeburg Counties, SC. This application is made pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Sec 58-5-240 (Supp. 2003) and the rules and regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

The Company has requested an increase in its rates and charges due to increased operating expenses, and anticipates additional increased expenses resulting from Midlands' need for capital improvements and related environmental requirements of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Midlands is applying for approval of a two step schedule of rates and charges to be implemented in two stages. The Application states that the first increase required will raise rates to pay for new costs created by construction necessary for capital improvements. A second increase in rates will be required upon completion of all construction.

**THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE  
ARE ATTACHED HERETO.**

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210; and is available from Scott Elliott, Esquire, or Charles H. Cook, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 721 Olive Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 31, 2004** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-297-S.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department in writing, at the address below and Mr. Scott Elliott at the above address, on or before **December 31, 2004** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-297-S.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **December 31, 2004**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-297-S.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5113.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Attn: Docketing Department  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, S. C. 29211

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**Schedule of Existing and Proposed  
Rates and Charges for  
Midlands Utility, Inc.**

	I	II	III
	Existing <u>Rate</u>	Rate During <u>Construction</u>	Rate After <u>Construction</u>
	\$	\$	\$
<u>Schedule of Residential Rates</u>			
A) Customers wastewater treated by Midlands wastewater plants:			
Type of Residence (Monthly Service Charge)			
Permanent Base	26.70	37.90	38.95
Apartments (Per Unit)	26.70	37.90	38.95
Mobile Base	20.30	28.43	29.21
B) Customers wastewater treated by others (pass-thru rate):			
Type of Residence ( Monthly Service Charge)			
Permanent Base	14.22	23.03	24.03
Apartments (Per Unit)	14.22	23.03	24.03
Mobile Base	10.81	17.27	18.02
<u>Schedule of Commercial Rates</u>			
A) Customers wastewater treated by Midlands wastewater plants:			
Type of Establishment (Monthly Service Charge per SFE)			
Convenience Store	26.70	37.90	38.95
Other	26.70	37.90	38.95
B) Customers wastewater treated by others (pass-thru rate):			
Type of Establishment (Monthly Service Charge per SFE)			
Convenience Store	14.22	23.03	24.03
Other	14.22	23.03	24.03
<u>Tap Fees</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	
Residential	\$250.00 per SFE	\$500.00 per SFE	
Commercial	\$250.00 per SFE	\$500.00 per SFE	

<u>Plant Expansion and Modification Fees (Midlands Facilities)</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Residential	\$250.00 per SFE	\$2,000.00 per SFE
Commercial	\$250.00 per SFE	\$2,000.00 per SFE

Plant Expansion and Modification Fees (Other Facilities)

Customers whose sewage is treated by any entity other than Midlands Utility. These fees are paid directly to the entity providing treatment. These entities include the City of Cayce, Town of Winnsboro, Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities, Carolina Water Service, Inc.

<u>Other Charges</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
New Customer Set Up	\$25.00	\$25.00
Disconnect Notice	\$ 4.00	\$14.00